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SUBJECT: U.K. CITIZEN TO ACQUIRE NEW YORK BANK

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM NEW YORK STATE BANKING AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE FINANCIAL AND PERSONAL STANDING OF A U.K. CITIZEN WHO WISHES TO ACQUIRE CONTROL OF CHELSEA NATIONAL BANK WHICH IS HEADQUARTERED IN NEW YORK. THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED IS MR. ABBAS KASSAMALI GOKAL, WHO WAS BORN IN PAKISTAN BUT IS NOW A U.K. CITIZEN AND LONDON RESIDENT.

2. MR. GOKAL RESIDES AT 42, CHATSWORTH ROAD, EALING, LONDON, W.5. HE LISTS HIS OCCUPATION AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF DEERFIELD LIMITED AND OF GULF SHIPPING LINE LIMITED, TWO U.K. CORPORATIONS WITH HEAD OFFICES AT 60-63 BUNHILL ROW, LONDON.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BEAR ON MR. GOKAL'S APPLICATION TO PURCHASE THE NEW YORK BANK, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS HIS FINANCIAL POSITION AND REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. ROBINSON

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